

TWO CENTS.

SCRANTON, PA., TUESDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 15, 1898.

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THE SPANISH SITUATION

Nothing Further of an Official Nature Has Been Disclosed.

CABINET DISCUSSES WAR

The Successor to De Lome Appointed.

Important Meeting of the Spanish Cabinet-United States Minister Woodford Explains the Meaning of Several Paragraphs in De Lome's Note-Report of General Lee's Resignation Officially Denied.

Washington, Feb. 14.-Actuated by a sense of honor and a strict idea of justice the state department has taken steps to place in the hands of Senor Canalejas, to whom the letter was addressed, the epistle written by Senor Dupuy de Lome which led to the resignation of the minister. The transaction is explained in the following brief statement given out tonight by the state department:

"Recognizing that the legal ownership of the de Lome letter is in Mr. Canalejas, and his agent and attorney, Mr. Carlisle, having presented proper authority to receive the same, the letter was delivered to him today."

"As explained in this statement, Mr. Carlisle was fully authorized to apply for and receive the letter, having the cable authorization from Senor Canalejas. In the view of the state department the letter was a stolen document and in that like any other piece of property it should upon application be delivered to its rightful owner. There was no other course left open, for in the United States, as in all other countries having a code of laws, a letter becomes the sole property of the person to whom it is addressed immediately it starts on its way from the sender. Even the latter cannot obtain possession of it without the consent of the person addressed. The limit of his powers legally extends to cases to stop the delivery of the paper.

This letter has besides already completely served all the uses to which it might have been applied by our government and there are in existence facsimile copies of the paper that are so surely authenticated as to leave no legal doubt of their accuracy.

THE CLOSING CHAPTER

There now remains only the closing chapter of the incident to be written, for the end is already in sight. Notwithstanding all that has been said in the press about demands on Spain for consideration or ratification of the disagreeable things said by Senor Dupuy de Lome in his letter, it can positively be stated that at no time since the publication of the letter has the state department taken any such course. Instead, it has relied entirely upon the sense of propriety of the Spanish government to do all that was just and needful to wipe out the unpleasant impression produced by these statements, and it can now be said that this course has been fully justified and that the Spanish nation now being aware of the full text of the letter is expected within a day or two to make such claims of the letter as is required by the circumstances.

Tonight the state department received official notice from Madrid of the selection of Senor Luis Polo Bernabe as United States minister to succeed Senor Dupuy de Lome.

Senor Luis Polo Bernabe, whose appointment as the successor of Senor Dupuy de Lome was foreshadowed last Friday in an exclusive despatch to the Associated Press, who formerly served Spain in this country, Senor Bernabe is now engaged in a special department of the foreign ministry at Madrid dealing with commercial matters and consulates.

RETICENCE MAINTAINED

Washington, Feb. 14.-Nothing further of an official nature has been disclosed concerning the American-Spanish situation. The state department maintains reticence as to the contents of the cablegram received from Minister Woodford last Saturday night. No answer has yet been made to this message and it is not sure that an answer will be required. It is also said that although details are not obtainable, matters are in such shape that an early and satisfactory adjustment of the affairs between this country and Spain is confidently expected. The department today officially denies the reports that Consul General Lee had tendered his resignation.

A despatch from Madrid says it is semi-officially stated that official claims cannot be founded on a private letter; that Spain acted rightly in accepting de Lome's resignation and that the ministers declare that any claims whatever are inadmissible.

Reports from various cities tell of the successful departure of Spanish expeditions for Cuba. Nothing official is known concerning a successor to ex-Minister de Lome.

It is said that there has no move toward the prosecution of those connected with the taking of the de Lome letter in contemplation. If the loss had occurred while the letter was in the United States mails then the usual prosecutions by the postal authorities might occur, but in the present case there is no trace as to the point where the letter was abstracted and such evidence as is at hand goes to show that the letter was taken after it left in the hands of the Spanish authorities.

D'ARCOS INTERVIEWED

The Duke D'Arcos, whose name has been prominently mentioned as a possible successor to Dupuy de Lome, was

UNEVENTFUL DAY AT MARTIN TRIAL

New Facts Brought Out by the Witnesses.

AMERICAN FLAG SPOT DOWN

Other Testimony is Introduced and Scars Are Exhibited--One Man Exhibits Furrows in His Skull--The Track of Bullet is Very Plain. Quiet Day in Court.

Wilkes-Barre, Feb. 14.-The third week of the Martin trial began today in an uneventful way by the resumption of testimony for the commonwealth.

John Puoti testified: "I was with the strikers on the tenth of September last, when the shooting occurred at Lattimer. When we approached the sheriff he walked to the middle of the road and told us to stop. Some few of the men went forward and I then heard two volleys from the deputies. None of the strikers were armed. I was shot in the right arm, and as I started to run I was shot in the right leg, the bullet entering from the back and coming out in front. I saw six or seven of the deputies leave the line and shoot as they walked away. Of the deputies I can only remember seeing John Cook and Pardee there."

EUROPE TO THE RESCUE

Paris, Feb. 14.-The Figaro says: "No state could make such an apology as the United States demands from Spain without the loss of all dignity. If the United States should attack Spain under such a futile pretext as the de Lome incident, the whole of Europe would support the latter."

VICTIMS OF THE DEADLY ELEVATOR

Three Men Are Instantly Killed at the Waldorf--Two Others Seriously Wounded.

New York, Feb. 14.-Three men were instantly killed and two seriously injured, one of them so seriously that he will die, in this city today by accidents in elevators. Those killed are:

JOHN DEGNAN, a laborer at the Hotel Waldorf; OSCAR WESTBERG, aged 24, assistant janitor of the Walton building of Fifth avenue; WILLIAM CHES, aged 25, a driver for an express company.

James Foley and Thomas Looney are the injured. Foley is not likely to recover.

The accident in which Degnan met his death and Looney and Foley were injured occurred at the Waldorf hotel. The three men were taking ashes from the cellar on a freight elevator, when two of the four chains of the elevator broke and the men were thrown to the cell, three stories below.

Westberg met his death in almost exactly the same way that Mrs. Arthur C. Levy was killed at the Holland house yesterday. Westberg was alone in the car in the Walton building. While making an ascent his head protruded in contact with the second railing of the elevator. The bottom of the elevator, which, as it rose, crushed his head against the projecting floor.

Ochs was waiting for the elevator on the eighth floor of the building at 583 Broadway. The gate was open, and Ochs was looking down the shaft. The elevator descended more rapidly than he expected, his head was caught and he was almost decapitated.

MOVEMENTS OF BRYAN

The Boy Orator Will Attend a Silver Conference at Minneapolis.

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 14.-Hon. W. J. Bryan left today for Minneapolis to be present at the conference of leading silver advocates of the northwest. The conference will continue three days. Senor Harrison Butler, chairman of the National National committee; Congressman Hartman, of Montana, and many other leading silver advocates will be present.

It is said the conference will be secret and the plans for the fall campaign in the various states will be the theme.

The Coal Fleets Sail

Pittsburg, Feb. 14.-Fourteen ton boats took advantage of the present breeze water stage in the Ohio and started for the south loaded with a total of 75 coal boats, 17 barges and 37 flats. The rise is expected to continue several days, and it is estimated that over 3,000,000 bushels of coal will be shipped.

Lehigh's Captain

Bethlehem, Pa., Feb. 14.-Morrow Chamberlain, 1906 Chattanooga champion, tonight elected captain of the Lehigh varsity football eleven to succeed James C. Henderson, who has left college. Chamberlain played left end on last fall's team. His election was unanimous.

Earnings of the B. and O.

Baltimore, Feb. 14.-The gross earnings of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad for the month of January, 1898, increased \$7,071. The total gross increase for the seven months ending January 31, 1898, is \$25,053. Total net increase for same period is \$709,421.

Montgomery Under Sealed Orders

Kington, Jamaica, via Bermuda, Feb. 14.-The United States cruiser Montgomery sailed from Port-au-Prince last night under cipher orders received from Washington. It is believed that her destination is Havana.

Woman's Suffrage Association

Washington, Feb. 14.-Susan B. Anthony called the thirtieth annual convention of the National American Woman's Suffrage association to order at the Columbian theater today. The session was occupied by routine work.

Steamship Arrivals

Liverpool, Feb. 14.-Arrived: Aurania, New York. Havre-Arrived: La Bretagne, New York. Gibraltar-Passent: Furst Bismarck, Genoa, etc. for New York.

Death of Prof. Folkman

Berlin, Feb. 14.-Professor John Folkman of Chicago, who was visiting relatives here, dropped dead in the streets on Saturday evening. He was 88 years of age.

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